satisfactory living and working conditions etc. are at times received from the workers. These are enquired into with the help of police authorities and the concerned missions abroad and appropriate action, including suspension and cancellation of the Registration Certificates, is taken according to the merits of each case. Public hearings are also held twice a week i.e. Tuesday and Friday from 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M., in which both complaints and the Recruiting Agents are called and grievances settled in majority of the cases. During the last three years, 239 complaints were received against the Recruiting Agents and registration certificates of 26 Recruiting Agents were suspended.

Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for Handicapped in Gujarat

2362. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Vocational Rehabilitation Centres to provide gainful employment to handicapped persons in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of handicapped persons provided gainful employment through these centres in the State during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise; and

(d) other measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for Handicapped are functioning each at Ahmedabad, and Vadodra in Gujarat. The Centre at Vadodra exclusively caters to women handicapped only.

(c) The number of persons rehabilitated by these Centres during the last three years was as indicated below:—

Centres	No. Rehabilitated		
	1994	1995	1996
1. Ahmedabad	341	422	528
2. Vadodra	90	140	65

District-wise information is not maintained.

(d) In addition, four special employment exchanges for physically handicapped are also functioning at Ahmedabad, Vadodra, Rajkot and Surat for providing gainful employment to the handicapped persons in Gujarat State.

गुजरात में औद्योगिक उपक्रमों में दुर्घटनाएं

2363. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान, गुजरात में तथा विशेषकर कच्छ, अहमदाबाद और जामनगर के संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठान में कितनी दुर्घटनाएं हुई हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इन औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों में पर्याप्त सुरक्षा संबंधी उपाय प्रदान करने तथा भविष्य में इन दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने हेतु निर्देश जारी किये हैं;

(ग) यदि हां तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम): (क) गुजरात राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य में घटी दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या निम्नानुसार है:—

	घातक	गैर-घातक	कुल
1993-94	197	16167	16364
1994-95	202	15409	15691
1995-96	176	16117	16293